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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Chad M. Larson, 25, of Janesville, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 13 years in prison without parole for possession of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute it. Larson pleaded guilty to this charge on September 1, 2005.

The government's proof showed that on January 26, 2005, after selling just over three grams of powder cocaine to a confidential informant, Larson was stopped in his vehicle. A passenger in the car fled on foot carrying a black bag. Police officers caught up with him and seized the black bag. The bag contained 58 individually wrapped baggies containing crack cocaine, and other baggies containing cocaine powder, ecstasy, psilocybin mushrooms, and marijuana. At his plea hearing, the defendant admitted that the black bag was his and that he was on his way to conduct a drug deal.

Larson's sentence was increased because he used a minor to commit the crime and also because he was on parole at the time he committed the crime.

The charges against Larson were the result of an investigation conducted by the Janesville Police Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura A. Przybylinski Finn.

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